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From : Deputy Assistant Director, Office of Reports and Estimates

Subject : Intelligence Activities of the JRDB

Reference : Memorandum from JRDB to Director, CIG, dated 24 April 1947
(NSIR Program)

1. The proposed activities of the Intelligence Panel of the Committee on Biological Warfare does cross our interpretation of the joint JRDB-CIG agreement. The Intelligence Panel was established at a time when the Scientific Branch, ONI, had no personnel qualified to consider BW activities. However, the Committee considers BW to be of such great importance that the Committee will endeavor to obtain from sources other than CIG, information of possible intelligence significance. This Committee has expressed the opinion that its personnel will have capability superior to any BW personnel within the Scientific Branch, and therefore the Committee will be in a position to better analyze and evaluate information acquired by the Committee.

2. The Panel on Countermeasures of the Committee on Electronics does not cross our interpretation of the joint JRDB-CIG agreement. The Panel on Countermeasures was activated to consider the intelligence requirements necessary to produce effective electronic countermeasures.

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